

Queen of the Apostles

Reina de los Apostoles

A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont



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March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Weekend Mass cancelations please refer to our website; Weekdays: 2 hour delay when Gaston schools delay; closed the first day if the Gaston County schools close; thereafter decision to close made daily.

Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am
In the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel

Weekend Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español))
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00 am

Reconciliation:

Holy Day Celebrations:

Misa en Español:

Saturday: 4:00 pm, and by appointment
12:15pm and 7:15 pm
Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated in the community at any one of the weekend Masses. Parents must complete the preparation program (offered every other month). Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

Marriage: This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.



Mission Statement

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to live and proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us. We strive in our rich diversity to be a community of welcome and hospitality: one with the Risen Christ, each other, and the whole Church. Through the Word of God and the life of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are empowered to engage in a variety of ministries of service to the parish family and the communities where we live.



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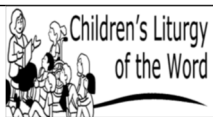
Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithe:

There was no tithe last week because of the Dedication. This week our tithe will be used for Family Promise, an interfaith hospitality program that is a mobile shelter for families with children sponsored by the Belmont area churches on a rotating basis.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

*This Sunday, March 1
at 9:15 & 11:00 Masses*



Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, March 7, 2020—5:00pm

Readers: Charlie Boyd, Sandra Conrad

EMCs: Kathy Bambach, Beth McAbee, Sharon Thrumbel, Debbie Trees, Jennifer Church, Bill Trees, Connie Carnes, Deacon Chip Wilson

Ministers of Hospitality: Mike Minnick, Elizabeth Atterberry, Todd Morgan

Altar Servers: Emma Messer, Andrew Morgan, Caitrin MacAlester

Sunday, March 8, 2020—9:15am Mass

Readers: Dennis Anene, Rich Stipanovic

EMCs: Sandy Krepps, Rosemary Rine, Adriana Echeverri, Beth McCain, Joyce McLeod, Steve White, Jerry Rine, Pat Mulcahy, Linda Huffsmith, William Massey, Jordan D'Amato, Deacon Zeke Panzica

Ministers of Hospitality: Bill McMaster, Brian Litfin, Doug McLeod, Mark McManus

Altar Servers: Urael Mussie, Nicolas Sanchez, Ethan Maes

Children's Liturgy: Andrea Schrifft

Sunday, March 8, 2020—11:00am Mass

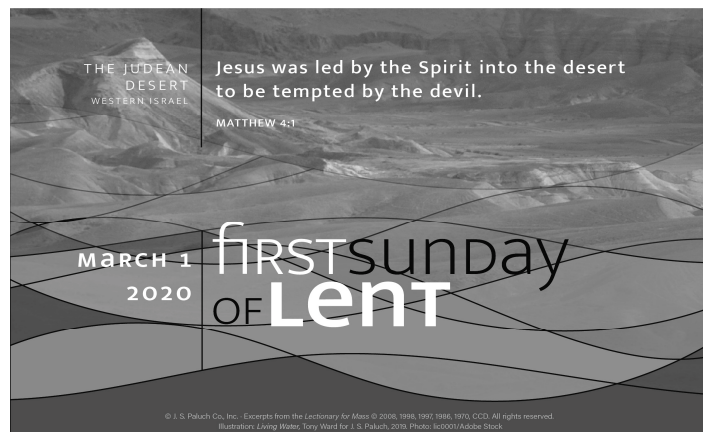
Readers: Godfrey Edokpia, Jackie Laca

EMCs: Patrick larkin, Carmen Miron, Bethsy San-Millan, Sally Stone, Sue Dolphin, Richard Swakla, Colleen Sutton, Janette Blandford, Jenn Hardin, Jan Kauer, Evelyn Thompson, Deacon Zeke Panzica

Ministers of Hospitality: Rich Ryan, Denny Hardin, Neil Kauer, Billy McHenry

Altar Servers: Rafael Larkin, Marissa Cannon, Caleb Richter

Children's Liturgy: Liz LaFrancis



Daily Masses held in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel Masses This Week

February 29, 2020

5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Misa en espanol

Sunday, March 1, 2020

9:15am For the People
11:00am Mass

Monday, March 2, 2020

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00am Hazel Blandford +

Thursday, March 5, 2020

No Service

Friday, March 6, 2020

9:00am Melvin Hodge +

Other Ministries:

Traffic Ministry—March 8

9:15am—Tom Spada, Walt Hinson

11:00am—John Fink, Billy McHenry

Security Ministry—March 7-8

5:00pm—Chris Shaw, Dan Turner

9:15am—Jon Hamilton, Matt Helton

11:00am—Georgianne Feimster, Coleen Grenier

Coffee & Donuts—March 8

9:15am—Deborah Eagon, Alicia Hamilton, Scott Hegedus

11:00am—Gabriela Loreda

Art & Environment:

March 1: Terry Ausband, Danuta & Don Holler

March 8: Kimber Walters, Pat Perrigo

LENTEN DISCIPLINE:

The season of Lent calls the Catholic believer to a threefold rhythm of life: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The many ministerial opportunities offered here help in the unfolding of this great preparation for Easter.

Catholics are further reminded that on the Fridays of Lent, abstinence from meat, meat products and poultry (not including eggs or meat broths and bases to soups) is a discipline for all who are not limited by age or illness, or those who care for the sick.

Further, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday along with the abstinence defined above, Catholics from age 14 through 59, who are in good health and not limited by sickness, age or those who care for them, are called to fast. That means, one full meal may be taken on those days and two smaller meals with no food between them.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2020



As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the DSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. Pledge envelopes can be found in the Gathering Space or the breezeway outside of the office. You may complete a pledge envelope in the pews or go to charlottediocese.org.dsa to make an online gift.



Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be used for the Shelter of Gaston County which provides temporary shelter and resources for victims of domestic violence, serving 8-12 women and their children at any given time. Our tithing helps pay for unmet client needs not covered by grants or other funding. Sometimes, this helps with travel costs, relocating victims back to family who can help support them. Volunteers can help with meal preparation, organizing storage, child care and clerical help. There are also opportunities to help with taking crisis calls after receiving appropriate training. To learn more, go to http://www.gastongov.com/government/departments/the_shelter_of_gaston_county_a_battered_women_s_residence_and_resource_center/index.php.

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our NEW live streaming channel by visiting our Sunday Stream channel at www.sundaystreams.com/go/QOA. A link to Live Streaming can also be found by visiting our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the Live Streaming page.



K of C Fundraiser

The K of C is hosting two "Sammy's Nights Out" at Sammy's Neighborhood Pub On Main Street in Belmont on Wednesday evenings, **February 26** and **March 4** from 5:00-9:00pm both nights. For each meal selected from the "Dinner Special" menu, Sammy's will donate \$2 to the council's Charity Account. For each draft ordered from a selection of three featured beers, a \$1 donation will be made. Please join us for these fun night out events and support our QoA Knights council. If you can't eat in, to-go orders of the specials will also be included.





This Week

Sunday, March 1, 2020

9:00-10:15am—Faith Formation
(Sacred Heart Campus)
9:15 & 11:00am Masses—KidZone
(new location in Church)
10:00-11:30am—RCIA (D/E)
1:30-3:30pm—Old St. Joseph's open
(273 in Mount Holly)
2:00-3:30pm—Small Group (Conf Rm)
2:00-5:00pm—K of C Social (FLC)
6:00-8:00pm—EDGE, LifeTeen (FLC,
chapel)

Monday, March 2, 2020

12:00-1:00pm—Centering Prayer
6:00-7:00pm—CubScouts (D/E)
7:00-8:30pm—Boy Scouts (Rm B)
7:15pm—Rosary Recitation (Church)
Following Rosary—Just for Men (Conf Rm)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

10:30-11:30am—Prayer Shawl (Conf Rm)
1:00-4:00pm—First Tuesday (Kitchen)
4:00-8:00pm—IMPACT Program (A, B)
6:00-7:00pm—ESL (FLC)
6:30-7:30pm—K of C Officers (Conf Rm)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:30-11:30am—Weekend Backpack (Conf Rm)
2:00-3:30pm—Small Group (FLC)
6:00-6:30pm—Children's Choir (Church)
6:30-7:15pm—Youth Choir (Church)
7:30-9:00pm—Adult Choir (Church)
7:30-9:30pm—12 Step Program (Rm D/E)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

6:00-7:00pm—ESL (FLC)
7:00-8:30pm—Just for Ladies (FLC)
7:30-8:30pm—Spanish Bible Study (D/E)

Friday, March 6, 2020

7:00-9:00pm—Spanish Choir (Church)
7:00-9:00pm—AA Meeting (Ed Building)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00-10:00am—Passion Play Practice
(Church)
5:00-7:00pm—Italian Festa (FLC)



Electronic Giving

Make a safe, secure donation to QOA by going to our website and clicking the Online Giving tab and following the link. You can choose to make one-time or recurring donations online. Our new platform is through ParishSoft.

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND
IN THE BASKET IN THE ENTRY
OF THE MAK FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:

Patrick Bragg (Meadow Wood Nursing Center, Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler, Joy Cordek (Carillon-Lincolnton)

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday: St. Casimir

Friday: World Day of Prayer;
Abstinence; First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;
First Saturday

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18;
Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11;
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10;
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19;
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a;
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Stewardship

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

DinoMite Soccer Program Coordinator

Our DinoMite Soccer program for children ages 3-6 is seeking a volunteer coordinator. The program runs spring and fall and we need a coordinator to keep this program running. If interested or for more details, contact Jayme at 704-825-9600 ext 26 or email youthmin@queenoftheapostle.org.

Dear Father Frank,

I wanted to thank you and the congregation for helping me to go over my goal of collecting school supplies. We were able to help about five classrooms in need with your support. All the students were very excited and thankful. We thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, Isaac Hill-Pfeffer

Rosary Recitation

Join other parishioners on the first Monday evening of each month to pray the rosary together. **March 2** at 7:15pm is the next scheduled date. The rosary recitation moves from the Drexel Chapel to the Church in order to maintain LiveStreaming. If you are unable to join us, please consider sharing the rosary via our LiveStream. See elsewhere in the bulletin for how to connect via the internet.

Baptismal Preparation



Baptism is celebrated at weekend Masses at any time of the year except the Lenten season. Parents wishing to present a child (under six years of age) for Baptism must complete an Evening of Preparation here in the parish. These are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend. The next scheduled Prep Session has been scheduled for Tuesday, **March 10** beginning at 7:00pm in the McCauley Parlor in the Church. Please call the church office to make a reservation to attend this upcoming program. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

Saturday, March 14
following 5:00pm Mass

Young at Hearts Covered Dish Supper

All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend. It is held in the MAK Family Life Center. Call Charlie or Cathy Boyd at 704-825-4669 for additional information.

community happenings



Food Collection

Our first food collection in our new church will be taken for CRO in Mount Holly. They need peanut butter and jelly, soup, instant oatmeal, grits, spaghetti sauce, pasta, carrots, corn, pinto beans, navy and great northern beans, baby limas and they can't get enough saltine crackers. They have plenty of green beans and peas. Please bring your non-perishable items to the baskets at the altar the weekend of **March 28-29**.

Passion Players Needed

Our Passion Play ministry is forming now and we would love to have YOU participate. We present the Passion at all three Masses on **April 4-5**. We need actors and actresses, ages 14 and up, for both speaking and non-speaking parts. Costumes are provided and experience is not necessary. If you would rather be behind the scenes, we have roles for you as well. Required practices are on five Saturday mornings, **March 7-April 4** from 9:00-10:00am. It is a great way to start your weekend. Please email Mary Kane at marykane24@aol.com or text 704-813-7311 with any questions or to volunteer.

Men's Church League Basketball

We have two teams participating in a new league this year, the East Gaston Christian Sports League, a joint ministry of Queen of the Apostles and First Presbyterian Church of Belmont. Games are played on Sunday afternoons, 2:00-5:00pm at the Cramerton Community Center at 1 Julian St, Cramerton. On **March 1**, QOA Team #1 plays 1st United Methodist at 2:00pm; QOA #2 plays 1st Presbyterian at 4:00pm. Come out and cheer them on!

Family Promise

Belmont will host families **March 1-8** at First Presbyterian Church on South Point Road, coordinator Kathleen Boyce, 704-674-7401. Volunteers are needed to help with meals, fellowship and greeters. You can provide breakfast or lunch items for our families or be an overnight host. Email tricia.vasil@gmail.com with questions. We have been helping with this ministry for over 10 years and it is vital to our community.

First Tuesday

If you have a bountiful table each day and, in gratitude, would like to help prepare meals for others, come join us in the MAK Family Life Center kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month. We make meals for three shelters in our community. Lots of fun and laughter are going on in the kitchen from 1:00-4:00pm. Call Kathy Guzman at 704-806-3737 for more information or just come join us! We meet next on **March 3**.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A group of over thirty women share their gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into shawls for those in need of comfort in our parish. The group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 10:30-11:30am. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! Contact Sandy Holland for more information at 704-460-5344 or jennylouise2010@hotmail.com or Elizabeth O'Connor at 704-964-2626 or ejoconnor81@gmail.com. The next meeting is on **March 3** in the Conference Room.

Safe Environment Training

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training? Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte's Safe Environment program, sign up for *Protecting God's Children* training and more: <https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment>. For more information or questions, please contact the diocese's Human Resources Office at <http://charlottediocese.org/human-resources> or 704-370-6299. The next class here at Queen of the Apostles is on Saturday, **March 14** from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Conference Room. Go to virtus.org to sign up for this class or another at a more convenient time or location.

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

VIRTUS® Online



Italian Festa

Saturday, March 7, 5:00-7:00pm
MAK Family Life Center
Ticket are now on sale!
\$8 A PLATE!

Thank you in advance for helping
to support our Youth and Young Adult
Mission Trips!



Faith Formation Children's Classes Time Change

The children's classes on Sunday mornings will have a **new start time of 9:00am beginning on March 1!** Classes will run from 9:00-10:15am on the scheduled days starting in March. The Sunday morning Bible study will have a time change as well and will begin at 9:00am starting March 1. There will be no classes or Sunday morning study on February 23. Classes resume on March 1 at 9:00am.

Youth Ministries Meet This Weekend!

EDGE and LifeTeen programs next meet is on **March 1** from 6:00-8:00pm. These programs are for 6-12 grades. Contact Jayme at youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org with questions.

First Eucharist Workshop

The second First Eucharist Preparation Program workshop is on Saturday, **March 14** from 12:00-3:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. The workshop is for parent and child. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Pizza and drinks will be provided.



Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, **June 28** through Thursday, **July 2**, 5:00-8:00pm! Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for this year's exciting program, **Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!** Adults volunteers are needed to help with decorating, stations, organizing materials and leading crews! If you have an interest in help, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org or 704-825-9600, ext. 26.

Summer Faith Formation Program will be Sunday, **July 12** through Thursday, **July 16** and Sunday, **July 19** through Thursday, **July 23**, 5:00-8:00pm! This program is for students rising to first through fifth grades. It is a two week condensed religious education program which fulfills one year of credit.

For more information about these summer programs, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600, ext 26.



KidZone

Our KidZone is a faith-based ministry offered for the youngest members of our church ages 6 months-3 years of age during the 9:15am and 11:00am Masses each Sunday. It's a place for the youngest members of the church to gather in a safe, faith-based learning environment. Their time is filled with listening to prayers in song, religious story time, play and opportunities to watch faith-based videos. **KidZone is now located in the church gathering space!** If you haven't had a chance to checkout our KidZone ministry and meet our staff members, please feel free to stop in MAK Family Life Center.

Lenten Small Groups

Our small faith group studies begin the week of **March 1**. Please be sure to partake in our newest study, *How Christians Face the Future, Hellos and Goodbyes* written by Father Frank! If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up and would like to connect with a group, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.



CHWC Young Adults

A mission trip for our young adults, ages 18-21 has been scheduled for this summer, 2020! A group will be forming and going to Morganton, NC **July 18-22** to participate in Catholic Heart Work Camp! For more information or to register online, please go to www.queenoftheapostles.org or see Jayme.

Just for Men

Meet with other men of the parish to reflect on God's word, pray and spend time together on the first Monday of each month following the recitation of the rosary in the church at 7:15pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday, **March 2**. We will be participating in the small group study for Lent and adding additional meetings on Mondays, **March 16 & 23**. For additional information, Roger Duncan can be reached at 412-289-9147 or Deacon Chip Wilson at 704-448-5822 or deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Just for Ladies

We meet again on Thursday, **March 5**. This study is for all the ladies in the parish. We will begin the *Hellos and Goodbyes* study. If you've never participated in a Bible study before, now is the time. Join on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at joajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

MOMS Group

Our MOMS Group, Ministry for Mothers Sharing, meets next on Wednesday evening, **March 11** from 6:00-7:15pm. Childcare in the new KidZone will be provided. The group will move to the McCauley Parlor in the Church this month. We will begin the Small Faith Group Study, *Hellos and Goodbyes*. For more information please contact Mary Elkin at maryelkin@hotmail.com or Cris Forero at cforero_perez@hotmail.com.

Sunday Morning Bible Study *(Please note the time change!)*

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets next on Sunday, **March 1** at 9:00am with an "Overview of the Old Testament." This study takes place on Sundays from 9:30-10:25am in Mercedes Hall on the Sacred Heart Campus and operates on the Faith Formation Elementary class schedule. The facilitator is Sister Mary Hugh. Please bring your Bibles and join us! Donuts and coffee are available.

Marriage Enrichment

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry at Queen of the Apostles is dedicated to helping all married couples live a joyful, Christ-centered marriage. Married 1 year or 100, we welcome you to join us at our next gathering on Friday, **March 20** at 7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. To register or make inquiries, email Donna and Justin Randall at jdrand77@gmail.com. Childcare is available on request.

Centering Prayer Workshop

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian Silent Meditation rooted in the self-emptying love that forms the heart of Jesus' life and teachings. An Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop will be offered on Saturday, **March 14** at Matthews United Methodist Church. For more information, please visit www.copnc.org.

Friends Helping Friends

Registered parishioners are invited to post requests for services needed or services they are able to provide on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Please use only the forms provided on the shelf beneath the board—no personal notices or resumes. Please copy the information from the board if you are making use of it and leave the posted slips so that others may also take advantage of the opportunities.

Spiritual Direction

To seek a closer relationship with God, we need to make time and space. Spiritual Direction provides the time, space and focus. I am a spiritual director certified by the Charlotte Spirituality Center and offer my services free of charge to the parishioners of Queen of the Apostles on the church campus. For more information, call Bethsy San-Millán at 704-914-5668 or email bethsy@carolina.rr.com.



Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org or phoned in to the church office at 704-825-9600. If you would like to join the prayer ministry and do not have access to a computer but have VOICE MAIL, please contact the church office. You will be called with the daily prayer requests.

Spirituality and Care for Creation Retreat Day

The retreat is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy on Saturday, **March 21** at Curtin Hall, Mercy Administration Center, Belmont, NC. The speaker is Dr. Catherine Wright, a theologian at Wingate, St. Matthew's parishioner and author of *Creation, God and Humanity: Engaging the Mystery of Suffering Within the Sacred Cosmos*. Pope Benedict says: "The relationship between individuals or communities and the environment ultimately stems from their relationship with God." For more information and to register, email Sister Rose Marie at rtresp@mercysc.org, or call 956-324-7057. Simultaneous translation from English to Spanish will be offered.

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Al mirar nuestras vidas y las muchas maneras en que Dios nos ha bendecido, demos un regalo adecuado a la Campaña Diocesana de Apoyo como una manera de darle gracias al Señor. La generosidad de Dios no tiene límites.



Colecta de Comida

Nuestra primera colección de alimentos en nuestra nueva iglesia será tomada por CRO en Mount Holly. Necesitan mantequilla de maní y gelatina, sopa, avena instantánea, sémola, salsa de espagueti, pasta, zanahorias, maíz, frijoles pintos, frijoles blancos. Por favor traiga sus artículos perecederos a las cestas en el altar el fin de semana del 28-29 de marzo.

Formación de nuestra fe en español

Recuerden nuestra invitación para seguir creciendo y aprendiendo juntos. Todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm, nos reunimos en el edificio del parqueadero de abajo, para que juntos crezcamos en el conocimiento de nuestra fe católica. Los esperamos no tiene límite de edad

Primer Martes

Si tiene una mesa abundante todos los días y, en agradecimiento, le gustaría ayudar a preparar comidas para los demás, únase a nosotros en el MAK Family Life Center cocina el primer martes de cada mes. Hacemos comidas para tres refugios en nuestra comunidad. Hay mucha diversión y risas en la cocina de 1:00-4:00pm. ¡Llame a Kathy Guzmán al 704-806-3737 para más información o simplemente únese a nosotros! Nos vemos el próximo 3 de marzo.

Oración

Señor Jesús, gracias porque cuando me envías una tentación nunca está sobre mis fuerzas. La tentación es una prueba de amor. Donde un ángel malo me tienta y un ángel bueno me ayuda. Gracias por darnos a cada uno un ángel custodio que nos cuida y anima a ser fieles. Señor, que nunca me ciegue ante la tentación, que te vea y te siga de la mano de mi ángel custodio. que comprenda la grandeza de poseer un ser puramente espiritual a mi lado, que está allí para llevarme de la mano hacia el cielo. Amen

Reflexion

Queridos hermanos, una vez más, Dios nos permite vivir la Santa Cuaresma, es un tiempo maravilloso para prepararnos para revivir la Semana Santa del 2020. Que tal que esta vez le dediquemos un poco más a nuestra preparación espiritual, pues estamos en un tiempo tan especial para nosotros y para el mundo entero. Hoy más que nunca se necesita estar más cercanos al Dios y a los hermanos para poder entrar en momento de vida espiritual y así favorecer a nuestras vidas una oportunidad para comenzar un tiempo especial de conversión. Este tiempo de conversión requiere la necesidad de una auténtica vida espiritual donde cada uno desde su propia experiencia reconozca la necesidad de Dios tanto a nivel personal, como a nivel de familia y de comunidad. Vemos como en las comunidades a pesar de que haya mucha disposición espiritual, sin embargo, se nota mucha frialdad y cambio de vida. No hemos dejado llevar por la rutina, el cansancio, etc. Por eso es necesario este tiempo fuerte de espiritualidad, tiempo especial para la oración, tiempo especial para la lectura de la palabra de Dios, tiempo para vivir los sacramentos, para confesarse, para el ayudo y la penitencia y sobre todo para poner en práctica las obras de Caridad. Invito a todos a hacer una agenda de vida durante esta santa cuaresma, tanto a nivel personal, familiar y comunitario. Que Dios y la Santísima Virgen María nos ayude a dar pasos de conversión en este tiempo maravilloso.

Bendiciones. P. José Antonio Juya V.